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Christian Science

Is It Reasonable?

Remarkable Growth of This Cult—Its Adherents—Their Realization of a Supernatural Power Outside of Man—An Outgrowth of Present-Day Conditions—Are Its Teachings Logical?—Some Perplexing Problems—The Power of the Will in Resisting Disease—God Omnipotent and Omnipresent—

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who will speak at the New York City Temple next Sunday evening—discouraged here to-day on a subject of un-

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(Isaiah 1:18.) He said in part:—
 "What a man believes or disbelieves is his own business, and not subject to public criticism. But when a number of people associate themselves, publish their doctrines to the world and invite mem-

—the glorious liberty of the sons of God.
 —Romans 8:21.
 "The perfect race was represented in Father Adam before he sinned, and through Christ, eventually the earth will be filled with perfect human beings. Then whoever will not come into full-

ject to public criticism. These should be honestly treated, however, not misrepresented; and all honest people should welcome such truthful criticism. We assume that Christian Scientists, therefore, will fully appreciate what we

The growth of Christian Science has astonished the world. Its teachings appeal to a very intelligent, well-to-do class of people of considerable material interests.

The Church is to have the highest form of spirit nature, as St. Peter declares.—2 Peter 1:4.

Truth Biblical, Scientific, Sanctifying.

We commend Christian Scientists for their endeavor to hold fast to the Bible, but

The reason for this is that nominal Christianity is merely a form of godliness, without power or conviction. This form of godliness is a counterfeit of the genuine thing.

... is styled Christendom—Christ's Kingdom. In countries like Great Britain, Germany, Russia and Scandinavia, approximately ninety-five per cent of the population are rated as Christians, even though some of these are in prison, some in insane asylums, and some are

shall assume His kingly office and remove the curse. Then there will be no sin, no death, no sorrow, no pain.

But since Mrs. Eddy and Christian Science fail to recognize and state these facts clearly, it follows that however attractive her teachings may be to some people, they cannot be relied upon, however good the intentions may be.

Bewildered Christendom.

people have, during the last fifty years, been in great perplexity because of the stupendous nonsense intermingled with Truth which was handed down from the Dark Ages. Under the increasing light, thinking people could not swallow some

proceeds as readily as did their forefathers. Gradually the great churches which formerly persecuted all others as heretics, forbidding any to preach except by their ordinations, found themselves compelled to deal, from motives

The doctrine that God had foreordained 993 out of every 1,000 to accept His Son as Redeemer, Savior, Lord, and King, is a beautiful example of His grace.

looked at as too horrible to believe. The set-apart people—whom He is testing under the promise "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a Crown of Life." This does not signify faithfulness to a denomination or a cult, but faithfulness to the Lord, to the testimony of His Word, to the principles of righteousness.

consistency, etc.—even manufacturing a Hell in accordance with his own wisdom or ignorance and to suit his congregation.

Under such conditions Christian Science was born, and has grown to its present proportions. Three things especially favored it, to its acceptance of

We will not discuss at length the scientific element of Christian Science. To some it seems very unscientific—inharmonious with the Truth. We believe that the only way that anything scientific could be associated with it is by adding to it the thought that sorrow, sin and death are in the world solely

ment, mental and physical. (3) Its teaching respecting Divine healing. Mrs. Eddy, the acknowledged head of Christian Science, had a keen mind and considerable wisdom in its exercise. She would hold to the Bible, even though perverting its teachings. She would not make her teachings too antagonistic to Law, and that they are to be externalized by Messiah's Kingdom. Christian Scientists tell us that they have benefited mentally and physically from following Mrs. Eddy's theory and denying that there is any pain, etc. We quite agree that the will is a powerful factor in resisting disease, that of a

and pains, they are increased by the operation of our minds. We agree with all physicians, that the mind should be diverted from our diseases. But it is illogical, irrational and, above all, untruthful, to say that we are without pain when we have pain. No lover of truth can consent to this. I desire most

There is one doctrine held by Christian Scientists, and by many of other denominations—that is very pernicious, very injurious, very untrue, very unscientific, base, insupportable. This doctrine does it mean: There is no death, no sickness, no pain, no sorrow, no evil of any kind? Absurd! Later, they said: We will see how Christian Scientists explain death, sickness, pain, sin. Thus curiosity led them into the metaphysical labyrinth which Mrs. Eddy had skillfully constructed. Having no intelligent

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termed spiritual pride in connection with their healing practices and with the public reading of the Scriptures and Mrs. Edly's comments—as much spiritual pride as is sometimes felt in other churches by preachers, elders, deacons, vestrymen, deaconesses, etc., once elevated to positions as readers, exhorters.

Still another class is interested—those in control of Christian Science literature. It sells at good stiff prices, and

the truth is given to understand that he is unapprehensive; and with the majority the price regulates the value.

Is Christian Science Logical?

Having, we believe, fairly stated the facts and claims of Christian Science,

Mother Eddy," striving after a truth, declared that there is no pain, no sickness, no sorrow, etc. The truth she was feeling after, but did not fully grasp, is that sin, sickness, sorrow, death, are abnormal conditions, resulting from the
